Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content, said method comprising:

performing a registration process with a directory device, said registration process comprises a first client device specifying media content to download and which device is allowed to or restricted from copying said media content once downloaded to said first client device;

coupling said first client device to a media supplier to receive said media content after said performing said registration process with said directory device;

downloading said media content in an encrypted format from said media supplier to said first client device after said coupling said first client device to said media supplier;

downloading to said first client device an encryption key capable of decrypting said media content;

downloading said media content from said first client device to a second client device; and

downloading to said second client device said encryption key.

2. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 further comprising:

coupling said second client device to said directory device.

3. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 further comprising:

coupling said second client device to said first client device.

4. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said first client device receives said encryption key from said media supplier.

5. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said first client device receives said encryption key from said directory device.

6. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said second client device receives said encryption key from said first client device.

7. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said second client device receives said encryption key from said directory device.

8. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said encrypted media content is video, audio, graphics, software, or information.

9. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said media supplier comprises a computer.

10. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said media supplier comprises a third client device.

11. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said first client device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital recording/play back device.

12. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said second client device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital recording/play back device.

13. (currently amended) A method for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content, said method comprising:

coupling said first client device to a directory device to specify and specifying media content to download and which device is allowed to or restricted from copying said media content once downloaded to said first client device;

supplying to said first client device a list of media suppliers for providing said media content after said specifying;

downloading to said first client device said media content in an encrypted format from a media supplier chosen from said list;

downloading to said first client device an encryption key capable of decrypting said media content;

downloading said media content from said first client device to a second client device; and

downloading to said second client device said encryption key.

14. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 further comprising:

coupling said second client device to said directory device.

15. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 further comprising:

coupling said second client device to said first client device.

16. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 wherein said first client device receives said first encryption key from said media supplier.

17. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 wherein said first client device receives said first encryption key from said directory device.

18. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 wherein said second client device receives said second encryption key from said first client device.

19. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 wherein said second client device receives said second encryption key from said directory device.

20. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 wherein said encrypted media content is video, audio, graphics, software, or information.

21. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 wherein said media supplier comprises a third client device.

22. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 wherein said first client device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital recording/play back device.

23. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 13 wherein said second client device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital recording/play back device.

24. (currently amended) A system for providing a dynamic media distribution infrastructure in order to distribute media content, said system comprising:

a media supplier for transmitting media content that is encrypted;

a first client device coupled to said media supplier and for receiving said media content from said media supplier, said first client device for receiving a first encryption key for decrypting said media content;

a directory device for coupling said first client device to said media supplier and

for supplying to said first client device a list of media suppliers that comprises said

media supplier <u>after said first client device specifying said media content to download</u>

<u>and which device is allowed to or restricted from copying said media content once</u>

<u>downloaded to said first client device</u>; and

a second client device coupled to said first client device and for receiving said

media content from said first client device, said second client device for receiving a

second encryption key for decrypting said media content.

25. (original) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said media content

that is encrypted is video, audio, graphics, software, or information.

26. (original) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said first client

device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital recording/play back device.

27. (original) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said second client

device is a computer, set-top-box, or digital recording/play back device.

28. (original) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said first client

device receives said first encryption key from said media supplier.

29. (original) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said first client device receives said first encryption key from said directory device.

30. (original) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said second client device receives said second encryption key from said first client device.

31. (original) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said second client device receives said second encryption key from said directory device.

32. (original) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said media supplier comprises a third client device.

33. (previously presented) The system as described in Claim 24 wherein said directory device for coupling said second client device to said first client device.